



MEMORANDUM

TO: Directors of the Corporation

FROM: Peter E. Maricondo
Acting Chief Executive Officer

DATE: March 9, 2006

SUBJECT: New Jersey Schools Construction Corporation (SCC)
January Progress Report

Mission Statement

Create a brighter future for our children by renovating, building and funding cost-effective and efficient state-of-the-art community schools that support high quality learning environments to better prepare students for successful careers and leadership in the 21st Century in New Jersey and beyond.

Partner with communities and leaders in business, education and government to support our programs, policies and projects to create greater opportunities for our children, businesses and workforce.

Introduction

In January, the SCC joined students and school district officials in Phillipsburg for a grand opening of the new Phillipsburg Early Childhood Learning Center. Also, the SCC executed 15 grants that impacted 14 schools in 8 counties with 9 districts that receive less than 55% of their budget in state aid. These Section 15 grants supported projects totaling more than \$6.6 million – with a state share totaling more than \$2.6 million.

Since inception, SCC has committed support to over 2,700 school construction projects at nearly 1,800 schools. Currently, SCC has 31 new school projects completed, 69 under construction and another 59 in the pipeline. SCC is building early childhood education centers, launching school-based community revitalization efforts and strengthening the economy by creating job and business opportunities for companies large and small.



SCC, Phillipsburg Dedicate Early Childhood Learning Center

Highlights: Ribbon-Cutting, Open House, Tours & Time Capsule

Students, teachers, parents, state and local officials and community supporters joined Phillipsburg School District and SCC representatives January 22nd to dedicate the Phillipsburg Early Childhood Learning Center – the first new school here in 30 years.

A ribbon-cutting began day-long Open House featuring tours of the \$18.7 million ECLC on an 11-acre site on Center Street. Dignitaries included state Sen. Leonard Lance, Assembly members Michael J. Doherty and Marcia A. Karrow, and Mayor Harry L. Wyant. Emily Roller, a Phillipsburg High School senior, sang the National Anthem.

A Time Capsule and items to be placed in it were displayed in the media center. Contents include media coverage of the June 2004 groundbreaking, current class pictures and the program, invitation list and other memorabilia from today's ceremony. Once filled, the capsule will be sealed and opened in 50 years – on January 22, 2056 – by a future generation of young students.

The 86,442-square-foot state-of-the-art ECLC accommodates 530 3- and 4-year-olds and Kindergarten students. There are 31 classrooms, six small-group instructional rooms, an art room, computer room and music room. It also features a media center, cafetorium, indoor and outdoor play areas, a nurse's station, administrative areas and a gym available for community use. The facility, a one-story steel frame with concrete block and brick enclosure, includes photovoltaic and ice storage systems.



School Superintendent Dr. H. Gordon Pethick remarked, “It is so very fitting that we mark the first step of the facilities modernization process with the addition of a new pre-school and kindergarten facility. The transformation of brick and plaster to a school can be compared to the fresh beginning a child will experience at the start of his or her formal education.”

SCC Communications Director David Crutcher presented a set of oversized silver keys to school officials marking the passage of ownership of the new school to the Phillipsburg district.

"These keys are symbolic in many ways – not only will they open the doors of this new school, but they will open doors of opportunity for every child who passes through them," Crutcher said.

Symbolism also factored in design: Train tracks in the tile patterns in hallways denote the historical significance of railroads in Phillipsburg, being considered as the future home of the New Jersey Transportation Heritage Center. The train theme continues in the safe, enclosed outside courtyard play areas. Other distinguishing building features include geometric shapes in primary colors for young students to recognize and learn about.



Design Resources Group Architects, Raritan, NJ is the design firm; TAK Construction, Inc., Clark, NJ is general contractor. Heery International, Inc. managed the SCC project.



Construction Update

Construction Starts

SCC awarded 2 construction packages for projects in Barnegat and Paterson. (Exhibit A)

As of January 31, 2006, the SCC has entered into construction contracts that total \$2,527,436,088 since the inception of the program.

Contractor Procurement

One design bid was advertised for a school project in Greater Egg Harbor. (Exhibit B)

School District Grants

In January 2006, the SCC executed 15 Section 15 grants with 9 districts receiving less than 55% of their funding in state aid. The grants impacted 14 schools in 8 counties throughout the State. The total project costs for these grants are \$6,662,483, which qualified for a state share totaling \$2,670,399. Several districts received multiple grant awards in January, including West Orange in Essex County, which will receive 3 grants for school projects costing \$3,414,286, with a state share of \$1,365,714.

From its inception in 2002 through January 31, 2006, the SCC has executed 2,425 Section 15 grant agreements in all 21 counties with districts that receive less than 55% of their budget in state aid. Total project costs amount to \$7,017,958,130, for which the state share totaled \$2,174,241,032.

Division of Diversity, Small Business, Government and Community Affairs

The Schools Construction Corporation Division of Diversity, Small Business, Government and Community Affairs is dedicated to increasing the availability and accessibility of construction opportunities for small, women, and minority-owned businesses, and to individuals and their families in New Jersey. In some instances this means working with other State agencies and departments to serve our target population. In

others, it is working with our project management firms (PMF) and other internal SCC divisions to encourage business opportunities and equal employment opportunities in the school construction program. The Division encourages firms that do business with the SCC to support diversity within their ranks and in their hiring. At every opportunity, the Division endeavors to promote the use of New Jersey's diverse business and workforce communities on SCC projects. Further programmatic information is available on the SCC website at www.njscc.com.



Conferences/Presentations

Phillipsburg Early Childhood Learning Center Dedication Ceremony, 1/22/2006,
Phillipsburg

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Attachments

Construction Award Status Report

<u>District</u>	<u>Schools</u>	<u>Description of Work</u>	<u>Contract Award</u>	<u>Notice to Proceed</u>
Barneгат	High School IT Integration	Furnish and install Networks, Servers, Computers, Peripherals, and Audio Visual.	\$183,017.00	1/3/2006
Paterson	Roberto Clemente Kindergarten Center & Parking Lot	Interior demolition of one structure, total demolition of a second structure, remediation and asbestos abatement miscellaneous sitework and utility disconnections.	\$546,000.00	1/26/2006

